



BELGIAN COAST NOW CLEARED OF ENEMY; WILSON ANSWERS AUSTRIAN PEACE NOTE

FOCH DRIVES DEEP WEDGE INTO FOE'S NEWEST LINES; PATROLS REACH HOLLAND

King Albert's Men Making Big Gains in Great Drive

ENTIRE FRONT MOVING AHEAD

Whole Coast Now in Hands of Allies; Huns Trapped

With the Allied Forces in Belgium, Oct. 19.—The towns of Chereng, Hasmy, Vred and Cattelet have been captured by the Allied forces.

The entire British and Belgian front still was moving forward this morning. The Belgians were gaining steadily and the British in the north advancing in the face of considerable opposition, occupied the Herseaux-Mousseron railway to the east and north of the French liberated towns of Turcoing and Roubaix.

6,000 Huns Cornered
London, Oct. 19.—Allied forces have captured the whole of the Belgian coast, according to information received by the Evening News. The Allied line now extends from a position on the Dutch coast to the east of Bruges and to the south of Courtrai.

British troops have entered the Belgian town of Eecloo, according to a dispatch from Sluis to the Telegraaf. Six thousand Germans have been shut in against the Dutch frontier.

With the Allied Forces in Flanders, Oct. 19.—French cavalry were reported to-night to have reached the outskirts of Ghent. There is no official confirmation.

The infantry is pushing fast after the mounted forces. The reports indicate a continuation of the rapid Allied advance in the Belgian coast sector.

Foe Still Retiring
German forces in Belgium still are retreating eastward toward a defense line while the British, French and Americans southeast of Cambrai are driving a wedge into the German defenses north of the Oise.

Ghent, thirty-one miles northwest of Brussels, the Belgian capital, is reported to have been reached by French cavalry. Reports received in Holland are that the Germans have begun to remove their troops from Brussels, evidence that the new defense line may be east of that city.

All along the front in Belgium from the coast to east of Courtrai the allied troops are pushing forward but somewhat more slowly than earlier in the week, except along the coast. German units are reported to be holding out in the port of Zeebrugge with Belgian troops on the canal running south from Zeebrugge to Bruges. It appears that these troops will be cut off and either forced to surrender or flee to Holland.

The President's Reply

The text of the note handed to the Swedish minister follows: "Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the seventh instant, in which you transmit a communication of the Imperial and Royal Government of Austria-Hungary to the President. I am now instructed by the President to request you to be good enough through your government to convey to the Imperial and Royal Government the following reply: "The President deems it his duty to say to the Austro-Hungarian Government that he cannot entertain the present suggestions of that government because of certain events of utmost importance, which, occurring since the delivery of his address of the eighth of January last, have necessarily altered the attitude and responsibility of the Government of the United States. Among the fourteen terms of peace which the President formulated at that time, occurred the following: "X.—The people of Austro-Hungary, whose place among the nations we wish to see safeguarded and assured, should be accorded the freest opportunity of autonomous development." "since that sentence was written and uttered to the Congress of the United States, the Government of the United States has recognized that a state of belligerency exists between the Czechoslovaks and the German and the Austro-Hungarian empires, and that the Czechoslovak National Council is a de facto belligerent government clothed with proper authority to direct the military and political affairs of the Czechoslovaks. It has also recognized in the fullest manner the justice of the nationalistic aspirations of the Jugo-Slavs for freedom. "The President is therefore, no longer at liberty to accept the mere 'autonomy' of these peoples as a basis of peace, but is obliged to insist that they and he shall be the judges of what action on the part of the Austro-Hungarian government will satisfy their aspirations and their conception of their rights and destiny as members of the family of nations. "Accept, sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration. [Signed] "ROBERT LANSING."

AUSTRO-HUNGARY MUST ALLOW ITS PEOPLE TO RULE

President Answers Note of German Ally; Points to 10th Peace Enunciation

Washington, Oct. 19.—President Wilson has rejected the Austro-Hungarian government's offer to conclude an armistice and negotiate peace on principles enunciated by him and has given notice that more autonomy for Austria's subject nationalities is no longer acceptable, that they must have liberty.

The reply was made by Secretary Lansing yesterday through the Swedish minister in Washington. It calls attention to the tenth condition of peace enunciated by President Wilson on January 8, which says the people of Austria-Hungary should be accorded the freest opportunity of autonomous development.

America Recognizes Belligerents
The note calls attention to the recognition by the United States of the Czechoslovak national council as a de facto belligerent government and states that this country also has recognized the justice of the nationalistic aspirations of the Jugo-Slavs for freedom.

In announcing his reply, Secretary Lansing also made public the official text of the Austro-Hungarian note. It follows: "Legation of Sweden, Washington, D. C., Oct. 7, 1918. (Translation.) "Excellency: By order of my government I have the honor confidentially to transmit herewith to you under separate communication of the Imperial and Royal Government of Austria-Hungary to the President of the United States of America. "The Austro-Hungarian monarchy, which has waged war always and solely as a defensive war and repeatedly given documentary evidence of its readiness to stop the shedding of blood and to arrive at a just and honorable peace, hereby addresses itself to His Lordship the President of the United States of America, and offers to conclude with him and his Allies an armistice on every front on land, at sea and in the air, and to enter immediately upon negotiations for a peace for which the fourteen points in the message of President Wilson to Congress of January 8, 1918, and the four points contained in President Wilson's address of February 12, 1918, should serve as a foundation and in which the views contained in President Wilson's address of September 27, 1918, also will be taken into account. "Be pleased to accept, etc. (Signed) W. A. F. EKENGREN. "His Excellency, Mr. Robert Lansing, "Secretary of State of the United States. "Washington."

Willis A. Lindsey Dies After a Short Illness

Willis A. Lindsey, aged 40, of Carlisle, a compositor employed by the Harrisburg Telegraph, died at 1 o'clock this afternoon in the Carlisle Hospital, from uremic poisoning. Mr. Lindsey has been in the employ of the Telegraph for about a year, working in the "ad alley" and making friends of all his fellow workmen, among whom he was recognized as an expert compositor. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Helen and Ruth. No funeral arrangements have been made yet.

U. S. HAS SENT MORE THAN TWO MILLION TO WAR

March Advised of Hun Retirement From Entire Belgian Coast to Dutch Boundary

Washington, Oct. 19.—More than two million American soldiers now have gone overseas. General March told the members of the Senate Military Committee to-day at their War Department conference. "While the conference was in progress, General March was notified the Germans had evacuated the entire Belgian coast up to the Holland boundary and that it is now in possession of the Allies."

Retreat Wider and Faster
The German retreat from the Belgian coast district, General March added, is increasing in breadth and speed. The movement to the rear, on the whole, he added, is especially rapid as illustrated by the fact that the territory evacuated in four days totals more than 800 square miles.

In the south in France, the general said, renewed attacks by Anglo-American forces south of Douai have carried the allied line to the hastily-constructed German defense system which follows in a general way the Senne canal and marshes. No attempt to cross this barrier has yet been reported.

Allow Huns No Rest
The Hindenburg defense system now is entirely behind the allied advance and Marshal Foch is continuing his pressure without giving the enemy the slightest opportunity for a rest.

General March did not attempt to analyze the military situation on the western front as a whole or to point out objectives of the various attacks. He called attention to the fact that the German retirement starting last week on a sixty-mile sector between the Oise and the Argonne, had spread during the week until it affected all except fifteen miles of the 250 miles front from the coast to the Meuse.

Yankees Fight Way Forward
While this retirement was in progress, he said, the American army northwest of Verdun was fighting its way forward against stiff resistance. The 29th division (New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and District of Columbia troops) was identified as one of those operating east of the Meuse.

140 YANKEE PLANES BOMB HUN CITIES

Every Aviator Gets Safely Back to American Lines; Battle Planes Shoot Down Twelve Boches Who Get in Way of the Expedition

With the American Army North-west of Verdun, Oct. 19.—All the aviators who took part in the American bombing expedition behind the German lines northwest of Verdun yesterday have been accounted for. One of the 140 airplanes taking part in the raid had been reported missing, but it returned during the night. Latest reports from the different squadrons show that the scout planes in protecting the bombers brought down twelve enemy machines. Observers report that excellent results were obtained at the various points bombed by the expeditions. While the bombing squadrons attacked the towns and villages, two squadrons of pursuit planes, flying at low altitudes, attacked enemy troops along the roadways with small bombs and machine-gun fire.

Either Way It Must be "Unconditional Surrender"



EVACUATION OF BRUSSELS BEGUN BY GERMAN ARMY

British Patrols Have Penetrated to the Holland Frontier

Amsterdam, Oct. 19.—The evacuation of Brussels by the Germans already has begun, according to M. Heintjch, an Activist Belgian deputy.

The deputy is quoted thus by the correspondent of the Nieuws van den Dags at Rosendaal, on the Dutch frontier, who says the deputy himself has arrived at Brussels. The evacuation reports, it is declared, refer to the German troops and not to the civilian population of the city.

Washington, Oct. 19.—British patrols participating in the Allied advance in Belgium are reported to have reached the Holland frontier opposite Bruges. General March was informed in to-day's early dispatches.

AUSTRIANS JOKE IN PEACE PLEA

Amsterdam, Oct. 19.—Before Baron Burián, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, delivered his speech to the Hungarian delegation on October 15. Count Michael Karolyi, the leader of the Hungarian independent party, accused the Austro-Hungarian ministry and the delegation of "being the sole cause of the monarchy's collapse and the pitiable plight in which Hungary finds herself," according to the Berlin Zeitung am Mittag.

Premier Wekerle, in reply, declared: "We have done so much to bring about peace we have finally made ourselves a laughing stock."

DAVID R. ELDER, ONE OF TWINS, IS DEAD, AGED 84

Descendant of Famous 'Fighting Parson' Buried in Family Plot

Lineal descendant of "Fighting Parson" Elder, famed in the French and Indian War, at Paxton cemetery yesterday the body of David R. Elder, 84, was laid to rest with solemn service. Mr. Elder died in Pittsburgh, although his home was in Williamsport, and his surviving twin brother, John Elder still lives at Derry and Twenty-fourth streets.

The brothers were born April 27, 1834, at Ellerslie, the ancient home of the "Fighting Parson" on the Derry pike, and there they have many times celebrated their birthdays in a great company of relatives who heard again the immortal narrative of the old Paxton Presbyterian Church and how the "Fighting Parson" defended it from the Indians.

The parents of the late David Elder

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TWO POUNDS PER MONTH
Washington, D. C., Oct. 19.—Restrictions on the use of sugar will be even more rigid during November and December than at present. The Food Administration announced last night that sugar allotments for household use will be held strictly to two pounds a person each month, and that the supply for manufacturers of soft drinks, ice cream and confections will be reduced sharply.

QUARANTINE TO CLOSE ALL STORES AT 6.30 TONIGHT

Crest of Influenza Epidemic Has Been Passed by Harrisburg

That the epidemic of influenza-pneumonia is stationary now with no increase or decrease in cases is the belief of Health Officer J. M. J. Raunick. The death toll still reaches a high figure he said. At the local Bureau of Vital Statistics 25 deaths were reported since yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, five from pneumonia and 20 developing from influenza.

The total number of deaths in the city from all causes from Monday morning until noon to-day reached 146, of which the majority were caused by the epidemic. The death toll from all causes for the last two weeks was 225.

At the Emergency hospital, Fifth and Seneca streets, there are 107 patients under treatment. Only two deaths from the disease have been reported at the hospital. This morning the ambulance arrived at the building to bring Paul Porter, 42 Balm street, there for treatment. He was dead before the ambulance reached the hospital.

Dr. Raunick said to-day that the

Belgians Sink Ships Carrying German Officers

London, Oct. 19.—Refugees arriving in Holland from Belgium report that a number of ships on the Eecloo canal, carrying German officers and war material, were shot to pieces and sunk with all on board by Belgian troops on Friday afternoon, says a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Exchange Telegraph.

The German troops, according to the refugees, are retreating towards Ghent and Antwerp.

Week to Start Fair; Wet and Cooler at End

Washington, Oct. 19.—North and Middle Atlantic States: Fair, with rising temperature Monday and Tuesday; local rains Wednesday and Thursday, cooler at end of week.

LIBERTY'S CALL TO FIND CITY WAITING WITH LOAN QUOTAS

District Ready to Flash Under the Closing Wire With Full Amount Uncle Sam Has Called For

Harrisburg at 1.30 o'clock this afternoon was within \$175,000 of the Liberty Loan goal.

Dauphin county was within a similar distance of its Liberty Loan allotment.

The executive committee in charge of the campaign was greatly disappointed at noon when an examination of reports up to that time showed that the city's quota had not been reached, but from the nature of reports being received it is a certainty that the city will come through with colors flying.

Subscriptions to-day are pouring into the various receiving sources.

"I have great hopes that Dauphin county will do as the city of Harrisburg seems to be doing," said Chairman Jennings at noon. All of those towns which are behind their appointments are working like beavers to-day; and I think they will be more than successful."

Figures showing the condition at noon are:

Harrisburg quota	\$6,133,640
Bonds sold	5,958,640
To be sold	\$175,000

The county figures are:

Quota for county out side of city	\$2,597,000
Bonds sold	2,406,550
To be sold	\$190,450

Chairman Donald McCormick feels

that Perry and Juniata counties will have made a good showing before Monday.

Not Closed Yet
The bond sales are not over, by any means. Subscriptions will be received in the city until October 24, when final reports must be made to Philadelphia and Washington. The drive, however, stops to-night; and after to-day patriots must go to the banks to buy bonds.

Miller Buys \$1,000
Harry Miller of the Central Hotel, 311 Market street, last night gave Peter Magaro and Andrew Reardon his subscription for \$1,000 in bonds.

"I am sorry folks have misunderstood my stand in this matter," said Mr. Miller. "I am as patriotic as any man in Harrisburg. I have bonds in all four issues of the Liberty Loan. It is not true that I am worth about \$50,000, nor do I own any part of the property at 311 Market street, which belongs to the Detweiler estate." Mr. Magaro who took Miller's subscription, said the entire \$10,000

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VOLUNTEER NURSE ILL
Mrs. Mercy Patterson, 1715 Appleton street, who volunteered for service in the influenza epidemic and was sent to Williamsport on duty, is very seriously ill. Her husband and daughter are also ill with the disease.

MAY SEND TROOPS TO CLOSE SALOONS

Seranton, Pa.—Troops, it is said, will be sent to Lackawanna county, under orders of Dr. Royer, of the State Board of Health, to enforce the saloon closing edict, which it is claimed is being disregarded in the Lackawanna valley. Dr. B. F. Royer, acting commissioner of health, said to-day in regard to reports that troops might be used to enforce the closing order, that he had asked Captain George C. Lumb, superintendent of state police, to details men to see that saloon-keepers in sections of the anthracite field keep their places closed.

HUNGARY ASSERTS INDEPENDENCE

Amsterdam.—"Hungary must return to its autonomy and complete independence," declares the draft of an address to King Charles which was read at the conclusion of the sitting of the lower house of the Hungarian Parliament, says a Budapest dispatch. "Hungary is in harmony with the international currents based on the noble principles of President Wilson's points," the address adds.

REPLY READY FOR U. S. PAPER SAYS

Amsterdam.—The official text of President Wilson's note to Germany has been received and an agreement has been reached in principle regarding the reply, the Frankfort Gazette states. The foreign affairs committee, the newspaper adds, has been made acquainted with the definite terms of the reply, which it is understood will be handed to the Swiss minister at Berlin Saturday afternoon or evening.

HARRISBURGER REPORTED DEAD IS WOUNDED

Harrisburg.—Mechanic Leroy Jurey, 2004 North Sixth street, previously reported by the War Department as having died of wounds, is now reported severely wounded together with Privates Raymond Heintz-Hamburg, Pa.; Charles Arthur Davison, Kingston, Pa.; Corporal William Spirko, Mount Pleasant.

GERMANS SEIZE 15,000 CIVILIANS

With the British Forces in France—During the last fifteen days of their occupation of Lille the Germans took away into captivity, 15,000 of the inhabitants of the city.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Paul N. Kistler and Ellen F. Merzmann, Strickon; Robert Herrick, Buffalo, and Alice P. Emery, Corfu, N. Y.; Milton E. Curvell and Vera S. Miller, Harrisburg; Francis Shouper and Vera M. Hoover, Wisconsin.

THE WEATHER
For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cool to-night, with heavy frost Sunday fair.
For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair, continued cool to-night, with heavy frost; Sunday fair; warmer to north portions; light northeast winds.
River
The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will continue to fall slowly.
General Conditions
The anticyclone, which was central over Ontario, Friday morning, has overspread nearly all the eastern half of the United States, with its crest over the Upper Susquehanna Valley, attended by a fall of 2 to 18 degrees in temperature east of the Great Lakes and the Ohio river.
Temperature: 8 a. m. 36.
River Stages: 4 feet above low-water mark.